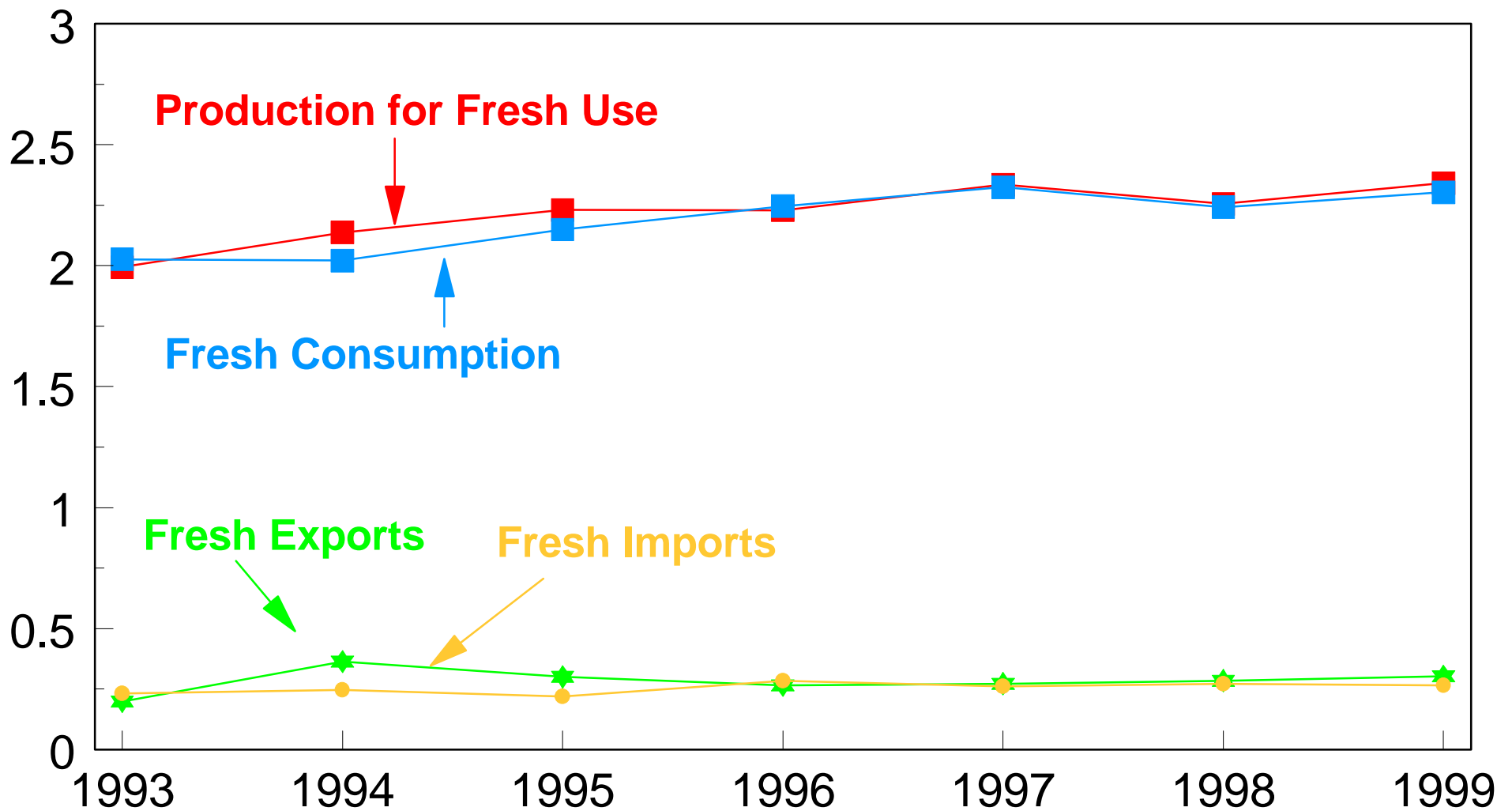


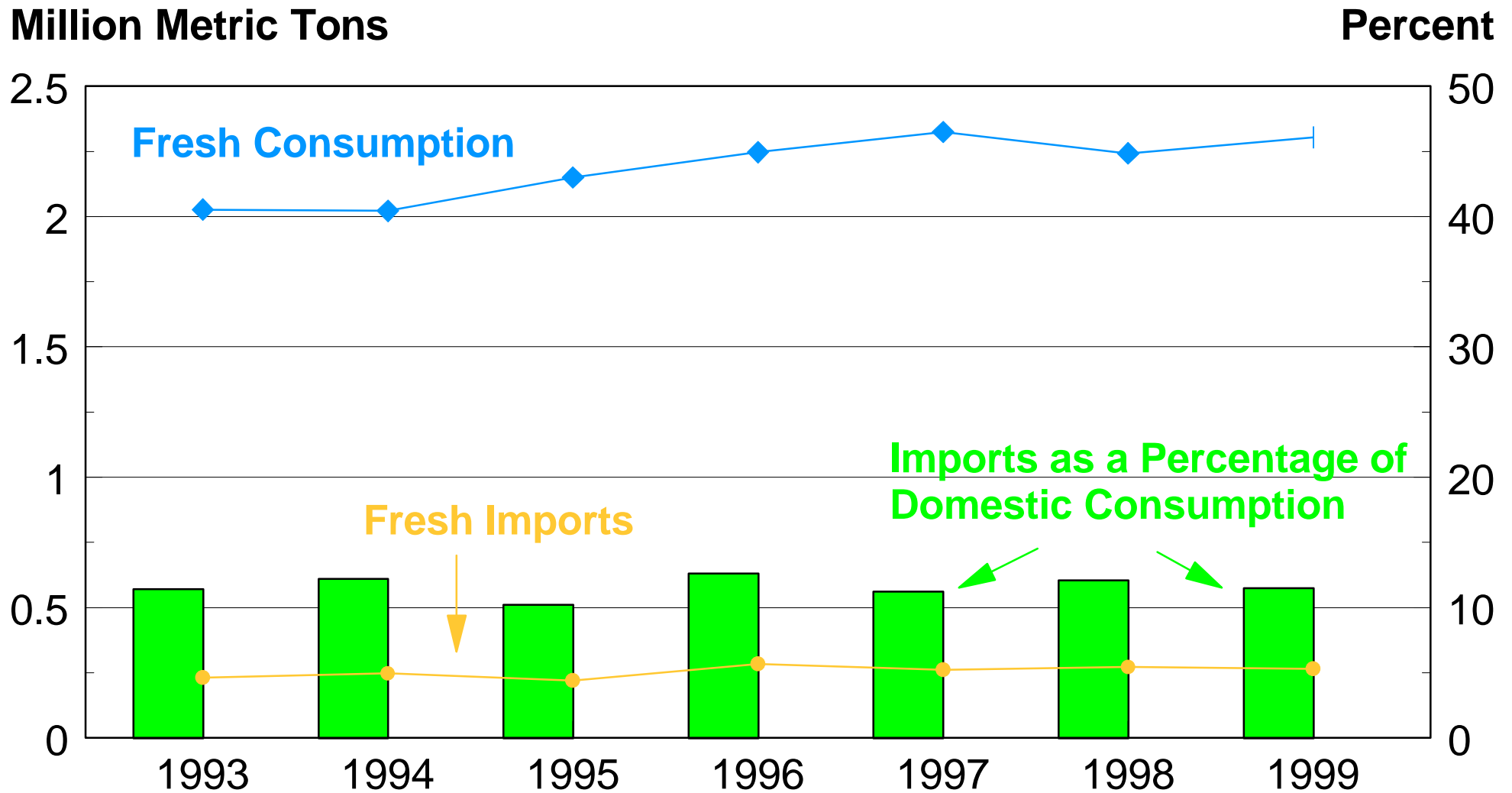
The U.S. Fresh Onion Market

Million Metric Tons



Source: Economic Research Service, USDA

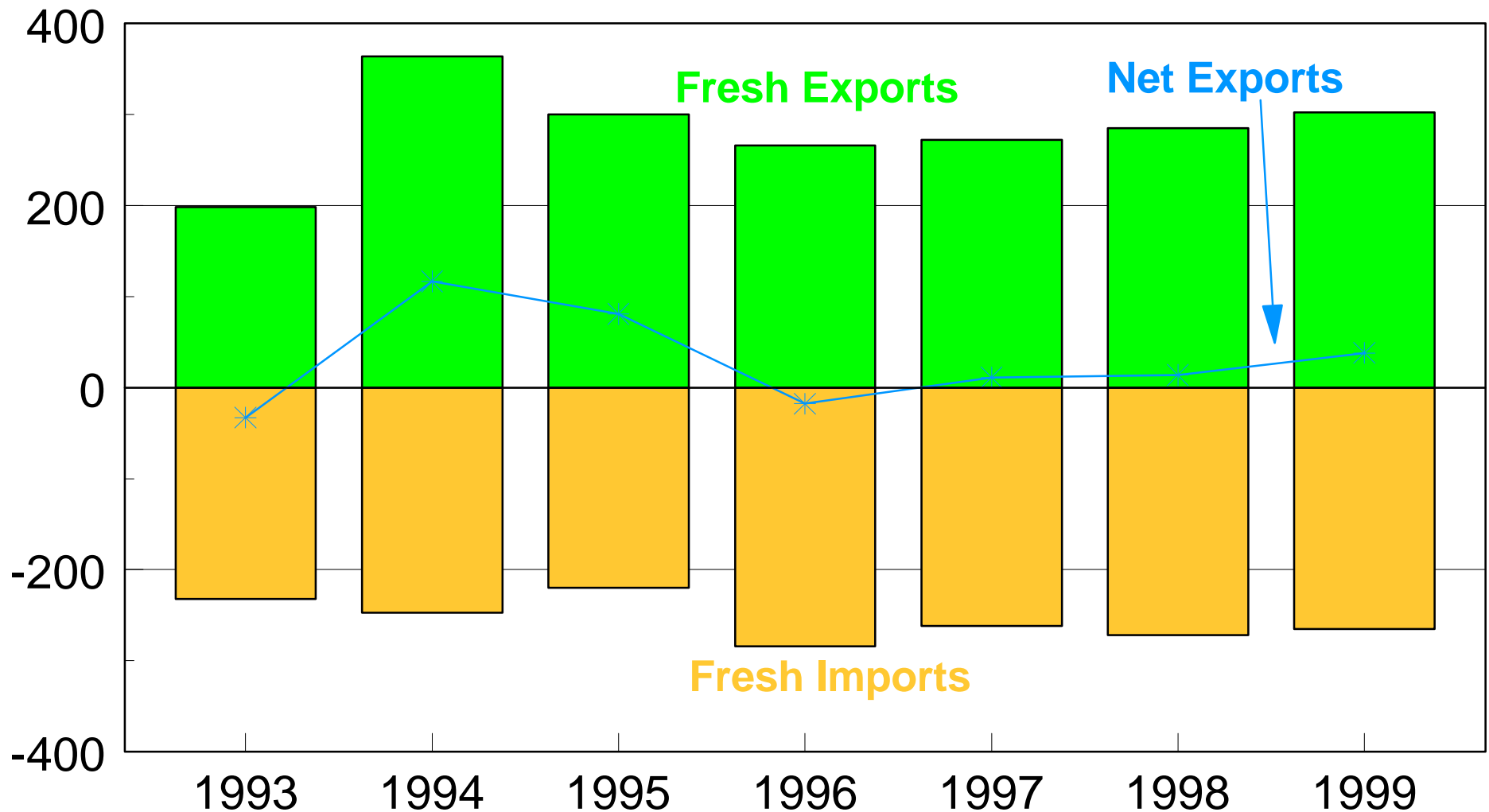
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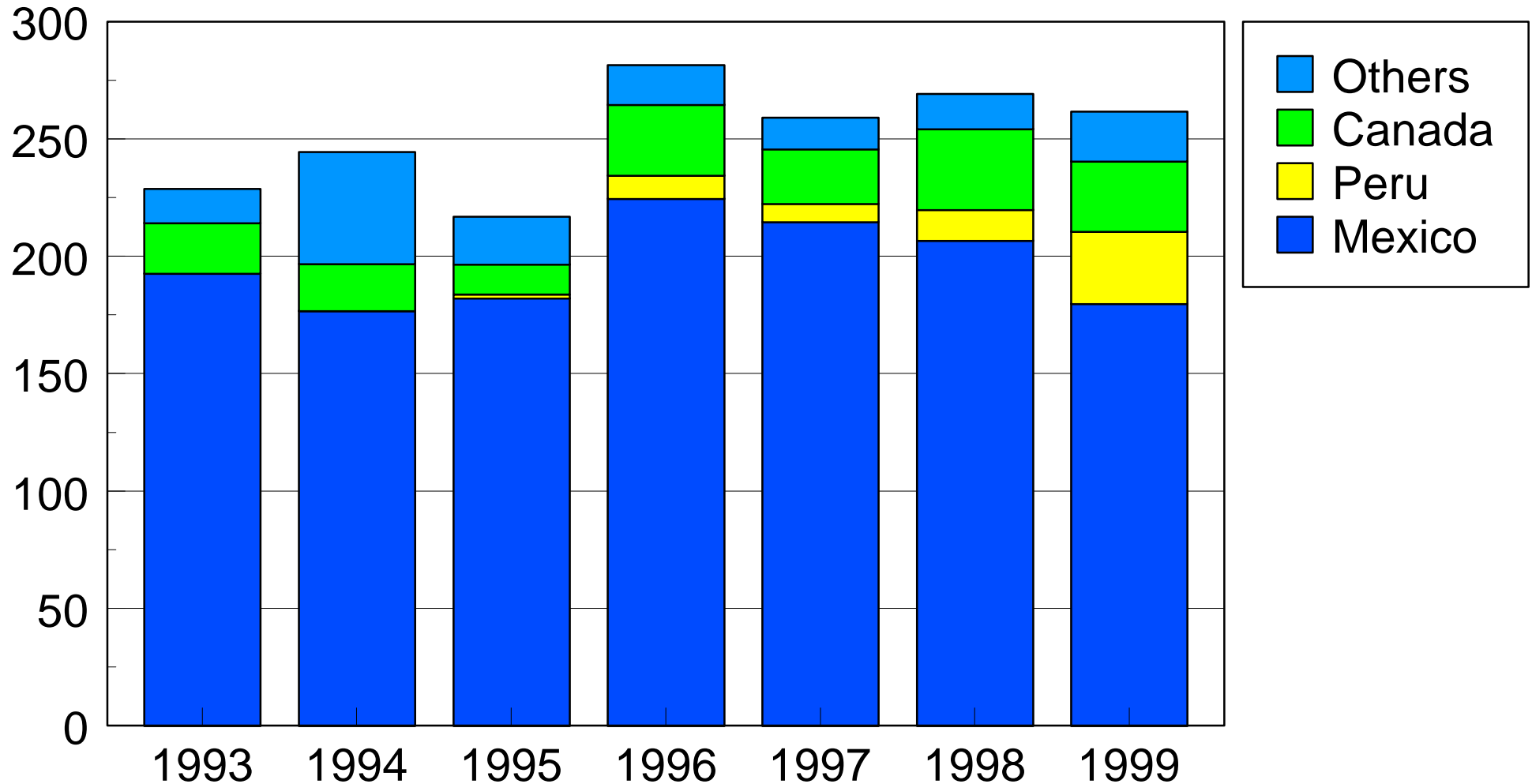
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Origins of U.S. Imported Onions

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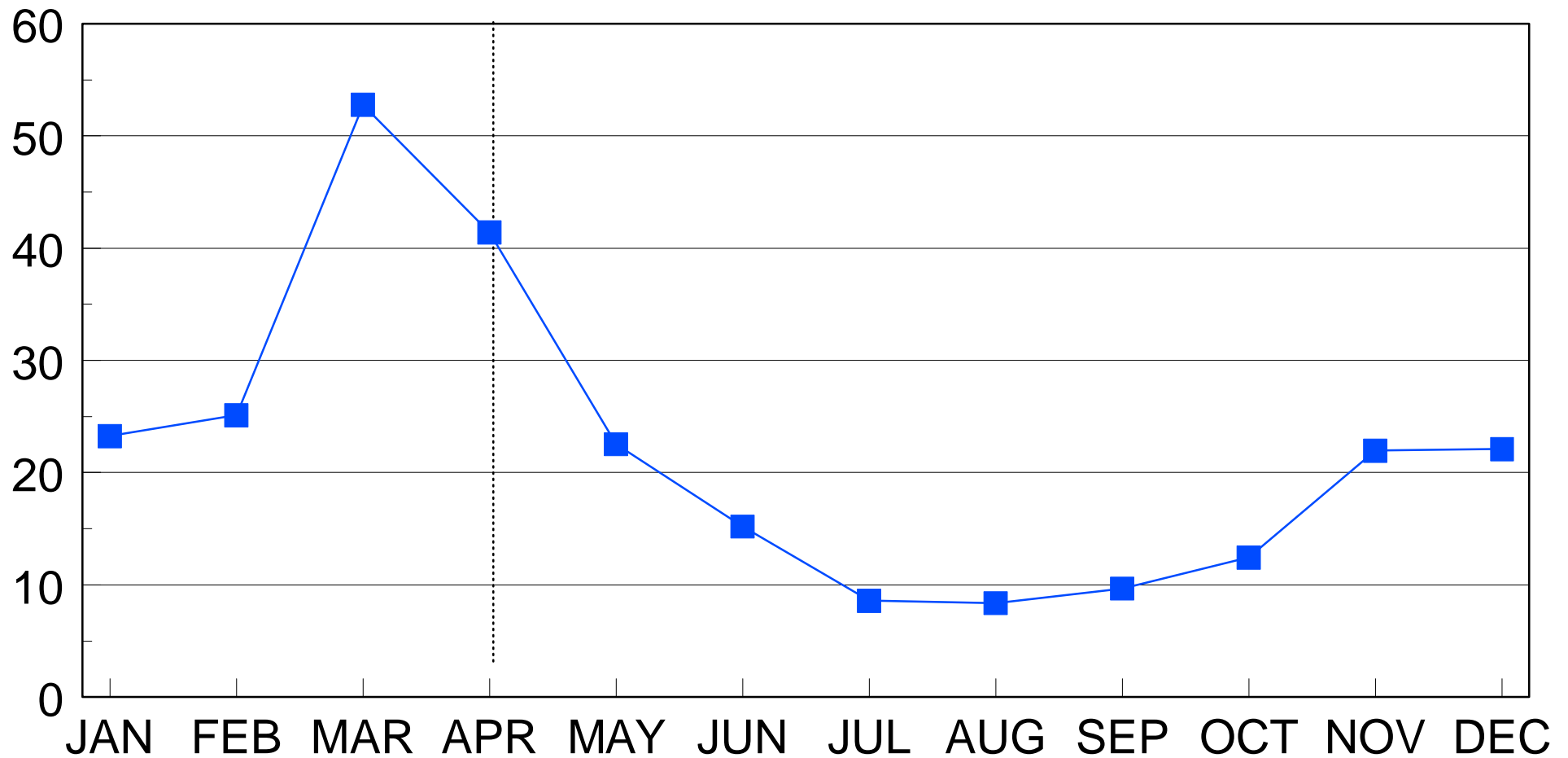


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Monthly Imports of Onions

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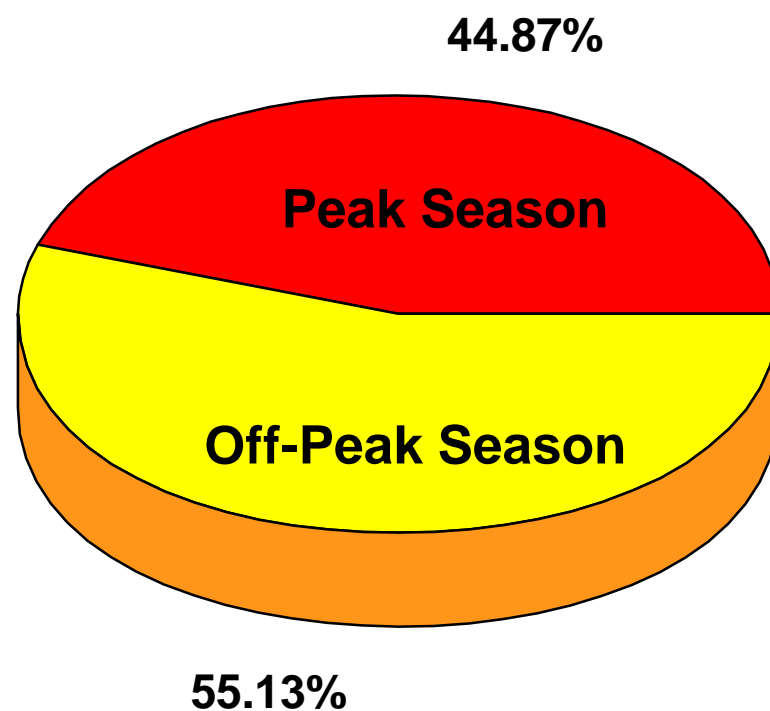
US Marketing Season Peaks
April 1- October 31



Note: Average Monthly Imports 1997-99

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Share of Onion Imports in Relation to the U.S. Marketing Season



Marketing Season Peaks April 1-October 31
Based on Average Monthly Imports 1997-99
Source: US Census Bureau

Onion Imports: Some Notes

- Imports stable
- Import's market share is stable at 12%
- Imports peak in Mar before US marketing season starts in Apr
- Tariff Schedule
 - Andean \$0
 - NAFTA Jan-Apr \$0.031, May-Dec \$0.007
 - NTR \$0.031